

people, their blood will be required at our hands. We must teach them to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded, and certainly the propagation of his gospel in all the world is one of these things. If we fail to do this, and they suffer, how great will be our responsibility!

In the development of a missionary sentiment, it will not be found necessary to make a "hobby" of it. A sermon now and then, with occasional references to the subject, will be effective in every instance. Missionary convention, if you are so situated to have them, will, no doubt, be of great help to you and to your people. But if you, like myself, are so isolated as to make the holding of such conventions impracticable, the work still must not lag; for God and one constitute a majority. I shall not offer to you my plan because I think it the best one in such cases, but because I have found it efficient, and because I want you to think about it. Immediately after the National Conference of 1897, I prepared a paper in conformity with the resolution offered there by Brother Talley, and have followed the same plan this year. My paper reads as follows:

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We whose names are here appended, agree to pay at least one cent per month, or the entire amount set opposite our names, during the year, beginning Sept. 1, 1898, for the support of the general mission work, under the direction of the General Mission Board of the Brethren church of America."

This paper I carried with me to my various appointments, and after the regular sermon, made a few remarks upon the subject, and read the paper, stating that when the service was over, the paper would be found on the desk, by those who desired to contribute to this most worthy cause. The people do all the rest. Only when I meet a brother or sister who cannot attend the regular services, do I personally present the matter. At present, after having introduced the subject once at each of my appointments since Sept. 1, my paper foots up \$35, and the end is not yet. I ask your consideration of this plan, and if you have nothing better, I hope you will give it a trial. The people will help if they are given the opportunity; and I am sure you will give it to them. The scriptures demand that we do what we can to advance the cause of Christ in all the world; the Holy Spirit leads toward and in this way; and if we walk in it, we shall be commended by conscience, the Word, and our God; the cause we love will be strengthened, and the kingdom of the Lord shall be preached to the saving of souls. So may it be.

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We all of us complain of the shortness of time, and yet have much more than we know what to with. Our lives are spent either in doing nothing at all or in doing nothing that we ought to do. We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as tho there would be no end to them.—*Seneca*.

The faulty are the fault-finding,

Our Bible School

"OUR ENEMY THE DEVIL"—A Bible Study

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There are many reasons that convince any intelligent person that man has a very formidable enemy. The fact that man is so sinful, weak and incomplete, coupled with the plain and frequent statements in the Bible of a personal devil (enemy) are sufficient to convert most men to the belief in the existence of a devil. To me, the simple, undisguised, unqualified utterance of Jesus is enough. I am glad that human experience go hand in hand with God's Word. There are many quotations from God's Word that might be given to convince the skeptic, but we must confine ourselves to a few only. The reader is referred to the Bible. Study the question there. Judas had a devil. Jesus says, "after the sop satan entered into him." John 13:27.

The devil or satan is "the prince of the power of the air." Eph. 2:2. "He is the prince of this world" or age. John 12:31 and 14:30 and 16:11. "He is the God of this world" or age. 2 Cor. 4:4. He was the God of the world in which Paul lived when he wrote to the Brethren at Corinth. Is that age the age in which we live? If so, then it is plain. He is called the "prince of the power of the air," "the prince of this world," "the God of this world." What a prince he must have been *or is*. He is crafty, full of deceit. He is wily. Sometimes is a roaring lion, sometimes he comes like an angel of light. See 2 Cor. 11:14.

Satan really is a liar, a murderer. He was so from the beginning. Jesus said so, and our experience proves is to be correct. Satan is the author of sin. The devil, that serpent, deluded, deceived and led into sin Adam and Eve. All sin comes from satan thro one of his agents. Satan is the author of sickness; satan smote Job with boils. God sent Jesus into the world to go about "doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil." Acts 10:38. The devil tempts men to sin. He tempted Jesus, he tempted Eve. Jesus said satan wanted to have Simon Peter that he might sift him. The devil lays snares for men and women. The devil puts wicked purposes in the hearts of men and women. Satan filled Ananias and Sapphira's hearts with lies. The devil put it into Judas' heart to betray Jesus. The devil enters into men and after the sop satan entered into him, (into Judas) John 13:27. Satan blinds the hearts and understandings of those who believe not, (or the God of this world. Satan takes the word out of the heart of those who believe not. Mar. 4:15. The devil sows tares in God's field. Matt. 13:39. Satan hinders God's servants in the carrying out of their desires. 1 Thes. 2:18.

Reader do you see that Satan our enemy is such an adversary that needs to be known and understood. It would seem now, after reading and reflecting over these words, that man is a helpless victim to this devil. There

was only one who could deliver man. There was no arm to save, no eye to pity, until Jesus came and brought deliverance. Jesus outwitted him, he overcame him.

"The Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." I John 3:8. Satan can exert his power only so far as God gives him permission. See Job 1:10, 12. God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear. He makes a way to escape. 1 Cor. 10:13. The devil then is the Prince of this age, the god of this world, but his final defeat and doom is fixed and sure.

Eternal fire was made for him. His works of sickness, sin, sorrow and crying and death shall finally be destroyed.

When Jesus comes again then will he chain satan one thousand years. After that he will be loosened a short time, then he will be taken and cast into the lake of fire. Will that be a glorious time when Jesus comes and dethrones satan and his alderman and judges and officers and takes control of the affairs of this world? *Yes! A wonderful time.* God hasten the day. Christian brothers do likewise.

What is the Christian's duty? "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." Be sober, be vigilant, then you will be in the proper condition to resist him. Jesus has given us the means by which we can quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. Therefore be sober, be vigilant. Resist the devil.

THE BOOK OF JONAH. No 4

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In our last interview with the luckless prophet we left him passing over the sides of the ship into the storm-tossed sea. An interesting phase of tragedy which culminated so sadly was the grievous straits to which the sympathetic seamen were brought. Where the "casting of lots" revealed the present cause of the storm, in the person of Jonah, he was asked to deliver the requisite judgment in which he condemned himself to be thrown into the sea. Why he placed the sad duty of the execution of the judgment on the seamen, or why he did not rather take upon himself to execute the judgment by jumping into the sea is not recorded. He could as easily have done it and thus relieved the suffering sailors of the probable sin of shedding innocent blood.

What were the prophetic intuitions of the dishonored passenger is not revealed, but we may justly conclude that his faith in God did not desert him in the trying hour. Why he did not pray for forgiveness then and there is unknown to us, for he knew that the Lord "repented of the evil" denounced against those who sin. We now follow the thread of the interesting history. As the unhappy man encountered the angry sea a great fish, sent expressly by the dreadful God for the purpose, appeared alongside the ship and swallowed him alive, and he passed into the capacious man of the marine monster, or to